

UPDATE: KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

**KEEC Council Meeting
Agenda Item F-4
May 31, 2018**

Biennial Budget Advocacy

- Upon learning of the proposed elimination of KEEC's funding, KAEE began a campaign of advocacy, encouraging its members to contact their legislators to advocate for KEEC.
- Due to comments from House Appropriations and Revenue Committee members about the importance of hearing from constituents to their decision on which agencies to fund, we attribute some of the successful restoration of funding to these advocacy efforts.

2019 North American Association for Environmental Education Conference

- After a nationwide vote, the North American Association for Environmental Education has decided to hold its 2019 conference in Lexington, Kentucky.
- This conference will be hosted by the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education, and it will also serve as the statewide and regional conference for 2019.
- Not only will this be a great opportunity for Kentucky environmental educators to attend the national conference, it will help to raise the profile of environmental education in Kentucky.

Outdoor Learning Symposium

- KAEE will hold its second annual Outdoor Learning Symposium on June 19 at Cassidy Elementary School in Lexington.
- Gregory Taylor will present a session on Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools, project funding, and the water projects completed through the EPA grant program.

Hiring

- KAEE has hired an Outreach Coordinator and Communications Intern, bringing its total number of staff members to 4.

Excellence in Environmental Education Awards

- The KAEF Excellence Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of individuals, organizations, agencies, community efforts, schools, and businesses in the field of EE. The nominee must have an earnest involvement in the field of EE, and have made and continues to make significant contributions to EE in Kentucky.
- Nominations can be submitted at <https://www.kaee.org/awards.html>.
- The deadline for nominations is July 8, 2018.